

Treasury Department,

BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., February 4, 1888

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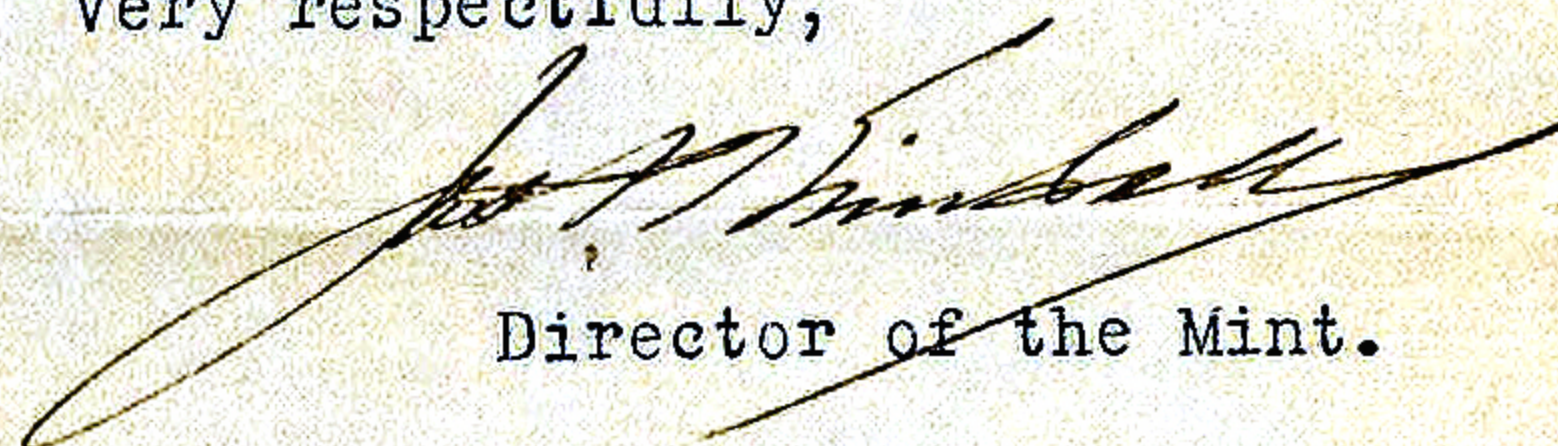
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "G. A. B. Smith", written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Director of the Mint.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,

Superintendent U.S. Mint,

Philadelphia.

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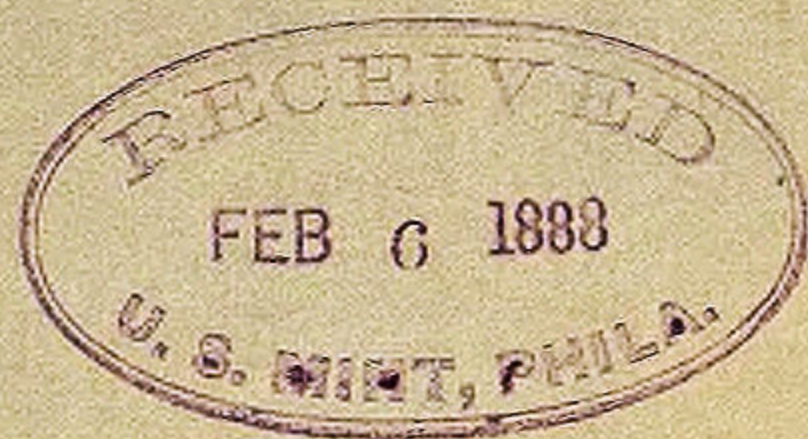
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James P. Kimball.
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